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TAGS: MTN, CA
SUBJECT: STEEL

REF: GENEVA 4551

1. WE BELIEVE AMBASSADOR GREY MAY NOT BE FULLY INFORMED ON EITHER CURRENT ATTITUDE IN OTTAWA RE U.S. STEEL TRIGGER PRICE SYSTEM OR ITS OPERATION.
2. ISSUE WAS RAISED BY GOC IN LOW KEY MANNER DURING VISIT OF SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL AND CHAIRMAN SCHULTZE TO OTTAWA MARCH 9. IT WAS POINTED OUT TO CANADIANS THAT ANY PRODUCER WHO CAN SHOW THAT HIS COSTS ARE LESS THAN THOSE CALCULATED FOR JAPAN IS ENTITLED TO SELL AT LESS THAN THE JAPANESE PRICE. GIVEN CANADA'S GEOGRAPHIC PROXIMITY, SYSTEM MAY BE TO CANADA'S ADVANTAGE. AT PRESS CONFERENCE, SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL BRIEFLY DESCRIBED SYSTEM, AND SAID WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT IT WILL HAVE ANY NEGATIVE IMPACT ON CANADA. STATEMENT WIDELY REPORTED IN PRESS.

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3. SINCE THEN, THERE HAS BEEN NO ADVERSE PUBLIC OR OFFICIAL COMMENT ON SYSTEM TO OUR KNOWLEDGE. GOC FULLY INFORMED OF WORKING OF SYSTEM AND OF DISCUSSIONS WITH PRODUCERS. SINCE SECRETARY'S VISIT, CONSULTATIONS HAVE CONTINUED. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE OFFICIAL RECENTLY TOLD EMBOFF GOC IS NOT DISSATISFIED WITH PROCEDURES TO DATE. WE BELIEVE THEREFORE, GREY'S STATEMENT THAT "CANADA WAS

BEGINNING TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT THE TRIGGER PRICE SYSTEM"
DOES NOT REFLECT CURRENT REALITY HERE. PLACKE

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